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FIELD CROPS

POTATO STOCKS

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POTATO STOCKS DOWN 2 PERCENT

February 1, 2000 potato stocks totaled 206 million cwt, down 2 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago. Storage accounted for 49 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Stocks by type were 1 percent reds, 10 percent round whites, 3 percent long white (Shepodys), and 86 percent russets, with more russets but fewer reds than a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 totaled 215 million cwt this season, up 1 percent from last year and 7 percent above two years ago. January disappearance of 32.4 million cwt was 12 percent below last year and down 5 percent from two years ago. Shrink and loss of 23.4 million cwt was down 1 percent from last year but 21 percent above two years ago.

Processing of 1999 crop potatoes so far this season totaled 106 million cwt, down 3 percent from the 1998 crop but 7 percent above the 1997 crop. In January, processors used 15.6 million cwt of potatoes, down 17 percent from last year but 1 percent above two years ago.

Eastern States stored 13.7 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, 2000, up 6 percent from a year ago but 8 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings were up 8 percent, New York's were the same, but Pennsylvania's stocks were off 6 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 41.7 million cwt of potato stocks this February, down 13 percent from 1999 and 6 percent below 1998. Minnesota's stocks dropped by 32 percent and North Dakota's stocks fell 30 percent from last year. Michigan and Wisconsin were up 7 percent each. Nebraska's stocks were up 12 percent, while Ohio was off 11 percent.

Western States held 150 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2000, up 1 percent from last year but 2 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 18 percent from a year ago, but were mostly offset by a 4 percent decline in Washington and a 1 percent dip in Idaho. Colorado's stocks were up 6 percent and Montana's were up 5 percent. California's potato stocks were up 10 percent.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on February 1, 1999-00

State	Crop of 1998			Crop of 1999		
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 1999	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2000	Percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,708	2,000	54	4,005	2,200	55
Colorado	25,360	14,200	56	25,762	15,100	59
Idaho	138,000	77,500	56	133,330	76,500	57
Maine	18,060	10,500	58	17,813	11,300	63
Michigan	14,648	5,400	37	14,963	5,800	39
Minnesota	21,170	10,500	50	18,020	7,100	39
Montana	3,180	2,850	90	3,325	3,000	90
Nebraska	8,175	2,900	35	8,904	3,250	37
New York	7,290	1,500	21	6,758	1,500	22
North Dakota	28,670	15,000	52	26,400	10,500	40
Ohio	1,200	90	8	987	80	8
Oregon	26,229	15,800	60	28,020	18,600	66
Pennsylvania	3,360	900	27	3,080	850	28
Washington	93,225	36,500	39	95,200	35,000	37
Wisconsin	30,895	14,000	45	34,000	15,000	44
Total 15 States	423,170	209,640	50	420,567	205,780	49

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, eight States, 1996-99 ^{1/}

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1 ^{2/}	Entire season
1,000 cwt									
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon	1996	31,060	38,210	45,420	54,640	62,570	70,720		96,970
	1997	26,880	33,950	41,050	49,470	57,620	65,750		91,450
	1998	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999	27,970	34,490	40,790					
Maine ^{3/}	1996	1,790	2,115	2,820	3,280	3,820	4,420		6,495
	1997	1,250	1,720	2,265	2,735	3,355	3,900		5,870
	1998	1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999	1,375	1,670	2,310					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	1996	31,670	36,660	41,700	48,740	55,570	62,320		80,970
	1997	28,580	33,990	38,690	46,400	53,720	59,780		76,930
	1998	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999	33,440	39,620	45,500					
Other States ^{4/}	1996	13,720	17,000	20,645	24,085	27,650	30,830		43,100
	1997	11,645	13,960	17,115	19,905	23,515	26,365		37,842
	1998	11,615	14,550	18,150	20,900	24,710	27,855	31,635	37,662
	1999	11,785	14,495	17,295					
Total	1996	78,240	93,985	110,585	130,745	149,610	168,290		227,535
	1997	68,355	83,620	99,120	118,510	138,210	155,795		212,092
	1998	74,185	90,075	109,000	128,385	149,275	167,765	186,940	220,197
	1999	74,570	90,275	105,895					

^{1/} Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, MN, ND, and WI. ^{2/} Data not available prior to 1998. ^{3/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only. ^{4/} MI, MN, ND, and WI.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1990-99

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
1,000 Cwt								
1990	344,200	225,500	194,460	162,850	134,470	101,150	63,040	
1991	363,541	242,070	211,005	178,515	145,820	108,865	69,110	
1992	368,516	246,820	215,990	184,560	152,795	115,785	75,040	
1993	376,954	249,410	217,300	185,490	153,435	115,170	72,860	
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,585	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	274,370	238,160	205,780				